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SUBJECT: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 22

1. SUMMARY. MORNING NEWSPAPERS GAVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO UNRELATED THEMES OF "ECEVIT DEMANDS TALKS BE CARRIED OUT ABOUT AEGEAN" (AKROPOLIS), "AVEROFF EXCLUDES PARTICIPATION OF PAPANDREOU IN GOG" (ELEFTHEROS COSMOS), "WILSON MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS - GREECE AGAINST MEDIATIONS - STRONG ANSWER TO MR. KISSINGER" (TO VIMA) AND "WILL THE BIG FIVE INTERVENE MILITARILY IN CYPRUS" (AVGHI). AFTERNOON PRESS REPEATED SAME HEADLINES WITH VRADYNI REPORTING PROMINENTLY FRANCE'S SUPPORT TO GREECE BOTH MILITARILY AND IN EEC. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS PRESS AUGUST 22 CARRIED FRONTPAGE STORIES ON GOG RESISTING PRESSURE TO RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS, TURKEY'S ALLEGED AMBITIONS IN AEGEAN, AND ON INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUE OF ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS PICKED UP QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CYPRUS GUARANTEE BY FIVE PERMANENT SC MEMBERS PLUS ONE NON-ALIGNED NATION. TA NEA WROTE "GREECE PROPOSES BIG FIVE TO GUARANTEE SOLUTION" AND CITED EARLIER ARTICLE ON SAME SUBJECT IN
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DAILY TELEGRAPH. APOYEVMATINI REITERATED MORNING TOPIC OF "STERN

REACTION OF CARAMANLIS TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESSURE" WHILE
INDEPENDENT LEFT ATHINAIKI RAN HEADLINE "ENGLAND'S INITIATIVE -
VAIN ATTEMPT AT INTERVENTION."

3. IN FEATURE ARTICLE ELEFTHEROS COSMOS REPORTED U.S.
BASES ARE RECEIVING MILITARY FLIGHTS ON SIX HOURS NOTIFICATION
ACCORDING TO US EMBASSY SPOKESMAN. TO VIMA DESCRIBED U.S.
CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER KISSINGER'S CYPRUS POLICY. COSMOS
CARRIED SHORT ARTICLE ON FRANCE'S ROLE IN UNFREEZING GREEK-EEC
RELATIONS. COSMOS ALSO CARRIED BOXED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MINISTERS
IN NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT GRANT PRIVATE INTERVIEWS
WITH APPARENT REFERENCE TO NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW WITH UNIDENTIFIED
MINISTER WHOSE REMARKS ON GREEKS OPPOSING RESTORATION OF MONARCHY
WERE REPORTED IN PRESS AUGUST 21. APOYEVMATINI CARRIED ADVICE OF
CONSUMERS PROTECTION INSTITUTE TO AVOID BUYING ARTICLES WITH
INFLATIONARY IMPACT, NOT TO HOARD AND TO BOYCOTT PRODUCTS NOT
MADE IN GREECE, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM U.S. TA NEA REPORTED
THAT ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCE REPLYING TO JOURNALIST'S
QUESTION GOG STILL HAS MANY CARDS IN ITS HAND BUT WILL KEEP THEM
COVERED SO FAR AS NEXT STEPS GOG MAY BE CONSIDERING TO COUNTER
NATO AND AMERICAN PRESSURES.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT AUGUST 22 REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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